

## By the King.

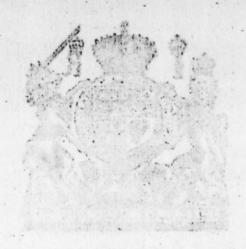
## A Proclamation for Buildings:



Ee doe well perceive in Our Princely wisedome and provibence, now, that Our Citie of Hondon is become the greatest; or next the greatest Citie of the Christian world, it is more then time that there be an otter cessation of surther new Busdings, lest the surcharge and overslow of people doe bring byon Our said Citie insinte inconveniences, which have beene so often mentioned, both in Our sommer Proclamations, and in the Decrees of Our high Court of Star-Thamber, as it were in vaine to repeat

them; Our purpole and Princely resolution being now and hereafter, to leave words, and to act, and execute Our Princely Ordinances on that behalfe, and not to make discourse or recitall of them: Therefoze, as me doe exceedingly approoue and commendall Edifices, Structures and workes which tend to publique ble and ornament, in and about our faid Citie, as the vauing of Smithfield, the planting of Moorefields, the bringing of the Rew-Areame unto the west parts of the City and Suburbs, the Pelthoule, Suttons Hospitall, Britaines Burle, the reedifying of Algate, Hicks Hall, and the like workes, which have beene erected and performed in greater nums ber in these twelve veeres of our Reigne, then in whole ages heretofoze; So on the other lide, for further addition of private Buildings, were are fully resolved, that this our Royall Proclamation, and finall and peremptory Commandement, thall be the furthell and bemoft period and end of them; Onely, as to private houles, were could delire and will, according to Dur former Proclamation and Ordinances touching Bricke-buildings, that as it was faid by the first Emperour of Rome, that hee had found the City of Rome of Blicke, and left it of Pars ble, So that wee whom Go whath honoured to be the first King of Great Britaine, mought be able to fay in some proportion, That wee had found our Citie and Suburbs of London of Aickes, and left them of Bricke, being a Pateriall farre more durable, fafe from fire, beautifull and magnificent.

Hauing therefore lately begun this great reformation, by Our Royall Commission directed but Our Prince Councell, and other principall persons, and published in the Guildhall by the mouth and declaration of Our Chancellour, as from Our owne Princely and immediate



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direction, were have thought good further to confirme and corroborate alwell Our former Proclamations and Royall commandements, as the faw late Declaration of Our Chancellour by this Our present Proclamation, wherein first were would have Our louing Subjects bederstand, that it shall well appeare by Our resolute and constant restraining of all future private Buildings without all Dispensation, Toleration or Connivence, that it was not prossit that was the scope and end of Oursaid Commission, but the resormation of the abuse which by the experience of so many sommer Proclamations contemmed, we did plainly see before Our eyes was impossible to remedie, except punishment and example for the time past, did accompany the prohibition and restraint for the suture; wherein neverthelesse wee have caried so moderate a hand, and so mixed Our Clemencie with Our Justice, as the fruit of a Resormation may not have too much of the source grape, but rather a taste of Our Grace and Percy. And so, matter of prosit, we would have Our Subjects know, that although it be not a thing wee doe chiefly regard, yet wee take Ourschess to be interessed in honour, that the procedure of a publique Resormation, be not turned to any private benefit, but have the true current into Our Royall Treasure, which is the sinclues of Our Chate voon all occasions.

Lattly, we doe hereby ratificand confirme all our precedent Proclamations touching Buildings in and about our Citie; Giving strait charge and commandement, as well to our Commissioners, to proceed discently and throughly in the execution of our said Commission. Without slackenesse or reminesse (as they have hitherto well begun) as to all other our Pasgistrates. Officers and Pinisters, and all our louing Subjects in generall, That they doe ever hereafter, duely, sirmely and straightly observe, performe and execute the contents of our said sommer Proclamation, and that no man hereafter doe expect either Licence, or Ossepulation for surther Buildings, nor so much as this former course of sour high Court of Starre-Chamber, sithey shall hereafter offend. And because were intend this our proceeding sor Resonmation be invisible for the time to come, were are graciously pleased, that the Buildings now exected and not finished, be not pulled downe, so that they be finished by Pichaelmas next, the offenders neverthelesse making composition with our Commissioners in that behalfe.

Giuen at Theobalds the fixteenth day of July, in the thirteenth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God faue the King.

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